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"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10

As the spring semester comes to an end, it is amazing to see the extent to which the Lord is touching and transforming so many lives. We have witnessed God's redeeming grace poured out again and again as we see students repent and turn to Jesus! Here is the story of a student named David who experienced the Lord's redemptive power and salvation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- For Crystal, Jess and Antonique to continue to grow in their new relationship with Christ and build deep kingdom friendships.
- For Keila, Amber, Alyssa and Madi to encounter the love of Jesus and be born again!
- For the hearts of the incoming class of freshman to be softened and prepared to hear and believe the Gospel this summer.

Audra Barkwell 813-532-7081 abarkwell@gmail.com www.AudraBarkwell.com Growing up, I lived in a Christian household that prioritized keeping traditions and doing your best to be perfect. I often felt empty in my prayer life and disconnected from the people in the churches that I attended since we would only visit on Sundays. Throughout my elementary years, I experienced a lot of rejection and bullying in school. When my family and I moved to Tampa, my parents got divorced, and later my dad remarried and took on a new family. The chaos that ensued in my life made me resent a lot of things in my heart, which I wouldn't even re-



David's baptism

alize until later. When I reached high school, I entered into a relationship with my first girl-friend. This relationship soon became an idol, and when the relationship ended after I graduated high school, I was once again shattered by an experience of rejection.

During my first week of classes at USF, I ran into a Bible study leader from Cornerstone who invited me to a weekly Bible study. After attending the first two Bible studies, I realized that I was living without a purpose and holding onto my rejection from the past. I gave my life to Christ, realizing it was the most important decision I could make. Jesus saved me from a life of bondage to sin and condemnation. He fulfilled His promise of deliverance and acceptance, healing my past hurt. Since making this decision over a year ago, I have experienced peace that I had never felt before in my life. Cornerstone has provided me with both the opportunity to grow in my relationship with the Lord and a family of believers that I can count on through all life's ups and downs, the best part being that it's eternal! A recent testimony is that the Lord has called me to become an officer in the United States Air Force when I graduate college. I believe His purpose for me is to protect and defend our nation and support our rights as followers of Christ to worship freely.

-David